

REMARKS

As stated by the Examiner in the office action, the pending claims in this case are 30-38 and 49-51. New claims 57 through 62 have been added.

All of the claims have been rejected under Section 112, second paragraph because of the use of the term "radical." The Applicant has inserted instead the term "group" which does not change the meaning of the claim but does address the Examiner's objection to the term radical which may include a free radical. This change has been made in all of the claims which used the offending term. The basis for this amendment is found at the bottom of page 7 and the top of page 8 wherein the list of possible radicals which can be used in the present invention are stated to include various groups, including hydrocarbon groups, substituted hydrocarbon groups, hetero groups, etc. The Applicants assert that the amendments made to the claims overcome this Section 112 rejection.

The Examiner has requested that reference be made to the patent which issued from the parent application. This has been done in the amendment to the specification.

Claims 30-31, 33-34, 49 and 51 have been rejected under Section 102(b) as being anticipated by reference CA:96:34816 which is said to exemplify a compound of the formula in claim 30 where x is 0. The same claims have been rejected under the same section as being anticipated by reference CA:131:89141 which is said to exemplify a compound of the formula in claim 30 where x is 0. The Examiner states in paragraph 5 of the office action that claims 32 and 35-38 are not anticipated or suggested in the prior art. These claims have not been rejected. The Applicants have amended claim 30 to include the limitation of original claim 35 wherein x must be a number ranging from 3 to 13. Since neither of the compounds described in the references shows a compound wherein x can be anything other than 0, the Applicants assert that these claims as amended are not anticipated by the cited references.

Claim 57 has been added. This claim is different from original claim 30 in that it contains the limitations of original claim 32 in that A is an alkylene group having a carbon number of 2. The Examiner has stated that this embodiment is not anticipated by the references. Thus, the Applicants assert that claim 57 and its dependent claims are also not anticipated by the cited references.

For the reasons discussed above, the Applicants assert that all of the rejections have been overcome. An early notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

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